

**OHIO TAX CREDIT AUTHORITY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING DATE: APRIL 27, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit Authority was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on April 27, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio by David Goodman.

Roll Call:	David Goodman, Chair	Present
	David Smith	Present
	Emmett Kelly	Present
	Rod Crider	Absent
	Brian Cooper	Present

Staff Members Present: John Werkman, Daniel Strasser, Stephanie Gostomski, Eric Lindner, and Lisa Colbert

Others present: Kelly Simms, Victoria Schaefer, Matt Cybulski, Chris Strayer, Stephanie Mercado, Katy Farber, Mindy McLaughlin, Matt McQuade, Katie Hamilton, Julie Sullivan, and John Recker

Minutes Approval: Goodman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting. Crider seconded. The vote was 3-0 yes. Voting Goodman, Cooper, and Crider.

PROJECTS

Speyside Bourbon Cooperage, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Jackson, Jackson County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 40% for 7 years for Speyside Bourbon Cooperage, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 35 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$910,000 in new annual payroll at the project location in the City of Jackson, Jackson County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2022. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Nature Fresh Farms USA, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the Village of Delta, Fulton County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 55% for 8 years for Nature Fresh Farms USA, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 153 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$5,202,000 in new annual payroll at the project location in the Village of Delta, Fulton County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2015 and end on 12/31/2022. Crider seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

BASF Corporation appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project at a to-be-determined project location in Pickaway County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 45% for 7 years for BASF Corporation in exchange for a commitment to create 48 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,738,000 in new annual payroll at the to-be-determined project location in Pickaway County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2022. Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Inno-Pak, LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project at a to-be-determined project location. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 40% for 5 years for Inno-Pak, LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 30 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,328,465 in new annual payroll and retaining \$2,281,298 in existing payroll at the to-be-determined project location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2020. Crider seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

PRIME AE Group, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Columbus, Delaware County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 55% for 7 years for PRIME AE Group, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 59 new full-time equivalent employees generating

\$4,457,680 in new annual payroll and retaining \$4,901,645 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Columbus, Delaware County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2022. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Pentaflex, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Springfield, Clark County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 45% for 7 years for Pentaflex, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 40 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,304,020 in new annual payroll and retaining \$4,934,668 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Springfield, Clark County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2022. Crider seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

K & M Tire, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Delphos, Allen County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 35% for 6 years for K & M Tire, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 25 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$700,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$5,250,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Delphos, Allen County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2016 and end on 12/31/2021. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Linglong Americas Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project at a to-be-determined project location. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 40% for 7 years for Linglong Americas Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 20 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,700,000 in new annual payroll at the to-be-determined project location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2015 and end on 12/31/2021. Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Total Quality Logistics, LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project at a to-be-determined project location. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 40% for 5 years for Total Quality Logistics, LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 70 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$3,778,000 in new annual payroll at the to-be-determined project location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on income tax revenue generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline income tax revenue at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2017 and end on 12/31/2021. Crider seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

SUPERVALU Holdings, Inc. (City of Xenia/Greene County)

The staff recommends that the Authority terminate the tax credit agreement without clawback for failure to maintain operations during the post-term reporting period. On 8/14/1995, the grantee was approved for a 60%/10 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 102 new jobs and retain 107 existing jobs at the project location. In 2014, DSA learned that the grantee closed operations at the project location in September 2012. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to require clawback of 25% of the credits issued, which totaled \$627,873.60. Based on additional feedback regarding this project, the staff recommends terminating the agreement without clawback.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Bare Escentuals Beauty, Inc. (Village of Obetz/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 5255/5271 Center Pkwy., Obetz, OH 43125. to 5255/5271 Centerpoint Pkwy, Groveport, OH 43125. The incorrect address was listed in the agreement.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present

voted yes.

CE Power Solutions, LLC (City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 4500 & 4524 W. Mitchell Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232 to 4040 Rev Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45232.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Lendkey Technologies, Inc. (City of Blue Ash/Hamilton County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 10901 Reed Hartman Hwy, Blue Ash, OH 45242 to 4445 Lake Forest Dr., Ste. 350, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Navigator Management Partners, LLC (City of Columbus/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 450 South Front St., Columbus, OH 43215 to 1400 Goodale Blvd., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43212

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

NetJets Inc. (City of Columbus/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 4449 and 4349 Easton Way & 625 N. Hamilton Road, Columbus, OH 43219 to 4111 Bridgeway Ave., Columbus, OH 43219.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

OmniSource Corporation (City of Toledo/Lucas County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the project location from 5130 N. Detroit Avenue, Toledo, OH 43612 to 5270 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH 43612. The incorrect address was listed in the agreement.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Festo Americas LLC (City of Mason/Warren County)

The staff recommends that the Authority update the project location at Parcel #16223860060 Columbia Road, Mason, OH 45039 to 7777 Columbia Road, Mason, OH 45039. A mailing address has now been established for the grantee. The physical project location is unchanged.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Yaskawa America, Inc. (City of Miamisburg/Montgomery County)

The staff recommends that the Authority update the project location to 100 Automation Way, Miamisburg, OH 45342.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Fecon, Inc. (City of Lebanon/Warren County)

The staff recommends that the Authority add the project location at 3460 Grant Dr., Lebanon, OH 45036 to the tax credit agreement.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Oatey Co. (City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County)

The staff recommends that the Authority add the following project locations to the tax credit agreement: (1) 4700 W. 160th St., Cleveland, OH 44135 and (2) 20636 Emerald Pkwy., Cleveland, OH 44135.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Pepperidge Farm, Incorporated (City of Willard/Huron County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the tax credit effective date from 1/1/2014 to 1/1/2015 due to project delays. The baseline income tax revenue will change for year 1 to \$1,009,678.66 and for year 2 to \$1,031,891.59.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded; Cooper abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Ridge Corporation (Village of Frazeyburg/Muskingum County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the tax credit effective date from 1/1/2014 to 1/1/2015 due to project delays.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Certech Inc. (City of Twinsburg/Summit County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the retained jobs commitment from 44 to 34 FTEs. The associated retained payroll will be reduced from \$1,235,520 to \$1,008,846.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Crider seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Ecommerce, Inc. (City of Columbus/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reassign the tax credit from Ecommerce, Inc. (and associated FEIN) to Ecommerce, LLC (and associated FEIN) due to a change in entity type.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

AFC Cable Systems, Inc. (Village of Byesville/Guernsey County)

The staff recommends that the Authority cancel the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

MOTION TO AJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 pm by David Goodman.

The next meeting is scheduled June 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. on the 31st Floor.

Chair of Ohio Tax Credit Authority's Signature

